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Dear Colleague,

**ISTA Championships at Willowbrook Tennis Centre, Eton, SL4 6 HL,
Saturday 29th June - Tuesday 2nd July 2024**

Play will start at 9.00 daily; check in well before your matches are scheduled to start.

Would those schools which won a trophy in 2023, please bring it back, engraved and polished.

For timings for first stage matches and in due course boxes and all draws including the consolation events, **go to the ISTA website www.istatennis.co.uk** Go to the Home page, then follow 'Tournament Draws'.

We will keep this updated throughout the Championships.

Because the entry is unusually large this year, **we will play as many matches as possible on Saturday, including first matches in the Plate competitions** where competitors are happy to do so. This is contrary to what we had said in January's 'Championship Details', but there is court availability on Saturday whereas on later days we will be short of it.

Travel directions are attached.

If you have delays and will arrive late, use the Staff WhatsApp Group, or the tournament mobiles which are, or 07525-498 736 and 07711-617 349

All parking must be on the field of Agar's Plough, which is off the Slough Road on the left if you are coming from Slough; it is immediately before the roundabout for the road to Datchet, Pockocks Lane. The Willowbrook tennis courts and the pavilion are on the opposite side of the Slough Road, 100 yards the Slough side of that roundabout.

Refreshments will be on sale throughout the Championships at the Willowbrook courts. This year they will be provided by six street traders: Gelato Italia, Bombayish, Little Red Pizzas, No Bull Paella, Oh Greeklicious, and The Really Awesome Coffee Company. **They do not offer credit or tabs:** Refreshments must be purchased by card (receipts are available) or cash. We urge you to ensure that your students and everyone keep the area clean by clearing tables and leaving no litter around. There are plenty of bins.

Spectators may wish to bring portable seats; very few are provided beside the courts.

We would appreciate any assistance colleagues or parents are able to give to supervise a Round Robin box; please send offers of help to me, or tell referees that you are willing to help. We are grateful to colleagues who have already offered help on the entry forms.

We hope that everyone enjoys the Championships.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph Cake (Chairman)